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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: SUBMERGED HOLLOW FIBER
MEMBRANE MODULE

Examiner: K. M. Zalasky

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

Applicant has received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the January 27, 2010 Notice of Allowance and Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Entry of the Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated by the Examiner. Each of the claims stands on its own merits and is patentable because of the combination it recites and not because of the presence or absence of any one particular element.

Applicants note that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance indicates that the claims recite a plurality of hollow fiber membrane "openings." However, the claims actually recite a plurality of hollow fiber membrane "spaces." Applicants assume that the Examiner's use of the term "openings" corresponds to the claim language "spaces." If Applicants' assumption is incorrect, the Examiner is requested to clarify the record.

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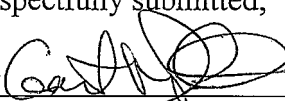
The Examiner's Statement was not prepared by Applicants and only contains the Examiner's possible positions in one or more reasons for allowability. Thus, any interpretation with respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be imputed to the Applicant.

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